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andria, Virginia, as second class mat-  
ter.

FRANK WILL  
NOT HANG.

As was stated yesterday in the Ga-  
zette, Leo M. Frank convicted of  
murdering Mary Phagan, the pretty  
fourteen-year-old girl in the Atlanta  
pencil factory in 1913, has escaped the  
gallows, Governor Slaton having com-  
muted the sentence to life im-  
prisonment. Frank is now attired in  
prison garb and at work in a cotton  
field.

Governor Slaton, whose term of of-  
fice, expires this week, is the target  
of adverse criticism, and a regiment  
of soldiers was called out last night  
to protect him from mob violence.  
Public sentiment is at fever heat,  
and there is no telling what may re-  
sult.

The Governor is making every ef-  
fort to calm the excited populace,  
but it will take some time to force  
back the tide of hostility of those  
who had demanded Frank's blood.

Governor Slaton, in announcing his  
decision to commute Frank's sen-  
tence, made a brief statement in  
which he said:

"All that I ask is that the people  
of Georgia read my statement of the  
reasons why I commuted the  
death sentence to life imprisonment  
before they pass judgment. Feeling  
as I do about this case, I would be a  
murderer if I allowed this man to  
hang. It means that I must live in  
obscurity the rest of my days, but I  
would rather be plowing in a field  
than to feel for the rest of my life  
that I had that man's blood on my  
hands. The mob can come and tear  
me to pieces, but I will know that I  
have done what should be done to  
follow the right and uphold the honor  
of Georgia and the office I hold. I  
couldn't hang any man when there  
was a doubt as to his guilt. I could  
not sit like Pontius Pilate and turn  
Frank over to be executed."

According to the laws of Georgia,  
the Governor is vested with the pow-  
er to review all cases where persons  
are convicted of crime, and if, in his  
judgment, mistakes have been made,  
to set aside verdict by pardoning  
the condemned or mitigating their  
punishment. This is the law in all  
States, and is a safeguard against  
judicial murders, which are liable to  
occur even in the best regulated  
communities. Governor Slaton has  
simply exercised a prerogative given  
him by the constitution of his state.  
He has been compelled to pass  
through a trying ordeal and has made  
a close study of this famous case. He  
has been placed by his own constitu-  
ents as a buffer between death for  
the best reasons, and had he not acted  
conscientiously and according to his  
own convictions, as we believe he has,  
he would truly have been as Pontius  
Pilate when the latter allowed him-  
self to be swayed by a fierce mob.

The punishment meted out to Frank  
by the Governor is severe, especially  
to a member of a commercial race,  
which places much value upon free-  
dom. Possessed of a business educa-  
tion and but a short distance within  
the portals of manhood, he will sorely  
miss the opportunities afforded  
others of his race to reap the  
fruits of his genius.

Frank's forefathers lived centuries  
as abject slaves under cruel task-  
masters in the land of the Pharaohs,  
and this young Hebrew must spend  
the remainder of his life attired in  
prison garb laboring in cotton fields,  
enviored by guards with loaded  
rifles and in as much in dread of the  
scourge as were the chosen people  
in Mizraim in the days of Moses.

CHARLES II.  
AND WILSON.

In 1617 the European powers found  
themselves exhausted by war and de-  
sires of peace. England, the only  
neutral, became, of course, the so-  
lary arbiter of the negotiations which  
ensued at Nimwegen. All the belliger-  
ent parties invoked her mediation.  
Charles II., however, felt himself ex-  
ceedingly embarrassed by his secret  
connections with Louis XIV., which  
made him desire to prescribe condi-  
tions favorable to that monarch;

while, on the other hand, he feared  
the people of England, if he should  
fail to favor the nations allied and  
combined against France.

The Parliament of England was  
determined that, in case Louis XIV.,  
did not make peace with the allies,  
Charles II. should join them to make  
war on France.

A French fabulist of that day wrote  
the following:

The English Charles the secret  
knows  
And makes the most of his repose.  
And more than this he knows the  
way

To share the fight he only sees today.  
Yet, could he but this quarrel quell,  
What incense clouds would grateful  
swell!

What deed more worthy of his  
fame!  
O happy people in your sturdy hearts!  
Say, when shall Peace pack up these  
bloody darts,  
And send us all, like you, to softer  
arts.

While conditions in the world at  
present are suggestive of the days of  
Charles II., President Wilson is in a  
better position than was the English  
monarch, to act an impartial part in  
any future peace propositions which  
may be made looking to the termina-  
tion of this unfortunate war. He is  
of course, perfectly familiar with  
what is referred to above, and being  
a close student of history, as well as  
international law, is using his great  
knowledge with a skillful hand; hence  
we must not rock the boat.

History is ever reproducing itself.  
The United States is at present the  
only great nation upon the globe  
which is at peace, and at the close  
of this fearful conflict the warring  
countries will naturally look to Amer-  
ica as the mediator. President  
Wilson may be the pacificator at that  
time. But he is at the head of a  
polyglot country. Many here sym-  
pathize with Germany in her battle  
for existence, and but few would re-  
joice in seeing that great empire com-  
pletely wrecked. At the same time  
another large percentage would flinch  
at seeing anything detrimental to  
the allies championed by the United  
States. Hence the strictest neutral-  
ity is necessary for America in this  
terrible struggle, if she is destined  
to play the part of arbiter. Our Presi-  
dent will continue on the razor edge  
and not, like Charles II., allow, either  
belligerent to have any claim upon  
him.

#### PASSING OF NEGRO MINISTRELS.

Brander Matthews in Scribner's  
Magazine contributes an interesting  
article on the passing of negro min-  
strelsy, which at one time had such a  
hold upon the United States where  
it was indigenous. Negro minstrelsy  
was the conception of E. F. Dixey in  
the early fifties, and from that time  
up to about a quarter of a century  
ago it was one of the most popular  
of all amusements in this country.

Troupes traveled from city to city,  
which were greatly patronized, while  
in the larger cities nightly per-  
formances were given. The Bryant  
brothers, Matt Peel, Buckley brothers,  
the Dixies, Dan Emmett, the Sweeneys  
brothers, and others are remembered  
by many now living.

Attempts were made to transplant  
negro minstrelsy into other countries,  
but the profession proved a sickly  
exotic and would never thrive save  
in the United States, and especially  
in the southern section.

The origin of "Dixie," has of-  
ten been published. Dan Emmett,  
who was a violinist in a minstrel-  
troupe in years anterior to the civil  
war, was watching negroes load cot-  
ton on a ship at Mobile. They were  
singing an ode in which there was  
little sense, but Emmett's musical  
ear caught music in the song. He  
wrote "Dixie," and today its notes  
will entrance a southern audience as  
no other tune.

Joe Sweeney, one of the best delin-  
quents of the negro character, was  
well-known to many Alexandrians,  
especially to those who served in the  
Confederate army. Sweeney was  
down south during the war, and he  
often gave specimens of his skill as  
a banjo-picker during camp life.

But negro minstrelsy is now vir-  
tually a thing of the past. The semi-  
circle of white men attired in dress  
suits with their faces smeared with  
burnt cork, an interlocutor in the  
centre and the juggler of the tambo-  
rine and the rattler of bones on each  
end, are memories of the past. Mov-  
ing pictures and other forms of  
amusement of the present age are  
singing the funeral dirge of the ne-  
gro delineator.

#### POPE BENEDICT'S NEUTRALITY.

A correspondent of the Paris Lib-  
erte made a futile attempt a day or  
two ago to get Pope Benedict to  
commit himself on the side of the  
Allies or Germany. The masterly  
manner in which he answered the  
queries put to him shows that the  
pontiff is the right man in the right

place. He had a logical answer for  
every reference to alleged cruelties  
by Germans, and in each case re-  
ferred to countercharges, which the  
correspondent was unable to refute.  
When asked for an opinion on the  
alleged violation of the neutrality of  
Belgium, he dismissed the matter by  
saying that occurred during the pon-  
tificate of Pius X.

Individuals as well as sovereigns  
would do well to act upon the scrip-  
tural injunction, "Be swift to hear,  
but slow to speak." Most of the  
opinions expressed in this world are  
of the horseback variety and are  
natural to much revision.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Six persons were drowned in wa-  
ters near New York on Sunday, four  
being victims of boating accidents.

Francis M. Edgell, of Huntington,  
W. Va., obtained a divorce from his  
wife, whom he accused of chewing  
tobacco in bed.

Higher business influences in Ger-  
many continue to be exerted in favor  
of a peaceful settlement with the  
United States.

Herr Mueller, convicted German  
spy, who was arrested with Anton  
Keupferle, must die. His appeal  
was dismissed.

It is reported that the Germans  
are rushing to completion several  
new battleships armed with guns up  
to 17 inches.

The Ninety-first German Infantry  
was entirely exterminated by Russian  
sabres in the fighting around Lub-  
aczow in Northern Galicia.

Italy, it is said, will soon be facing  
a meat famine. The government is  
said to be buying up all the native  
cattle in the country.

Announcement has been made in  
Paris that the French postal service  
is handling mail in ninety towns and  
villages in Alsace, all of which now  
bear the names they had forty-five  
years ago.

Emperor William, who is personal-  
ly directing operations in Galicia,  
has planned to ride into Lemberg at  
the head of the Austro-German  
troops if the Teutonic allies are suc-  
cessful in taking Lemberg from the  
Russians.

With \$800 in cash in a purse by his  
side, George Louk, of Glad, W. Va.,  
was found dead in his cabin. He had  
hanged himself with a heavy piece of  
lace leather. Louk was 58 years old  
and was the last of a large family,  
all of whom have met tragic deaths.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein,  
South Africa, says Gen. Christian De  
Wet, who was leader of the distur-  
bing recent South African uprising, has  
been found guilty on eight counts of  
the indictment charging him with  
treason. It is expected that he will  
be executed.

The right of a telephone company  
to discontinue the service of one of  
its subscribers for failure to pay for  
service rendered in the past was up-  
held yesterday by the Supreme Court  
in an opinion rendered by Justice  
Van Devanter in the "Arkansas tel-  
ephone case."

Henry Siegel, former owner of  
department stores and banker of  
New York, convicted last November  
of a misdemeanor and sentenced to  
10 months' imprisonment and to pay  
a fine of \$1,000 unless he made a re-  
stitution to his creditors has entered  
the Monroe County penitentiary to  
begin his sentence.

Mrs. Sarah Besley, 77 years old, of  
McLean, Va., and Daniel E. Hornbeck,  
70 years old, of Washington, were  
knocked down and run over yester-  
day at the corner of Seventeenth and  
E streets northwest by an automobile  
owned and operated by Joseph K.  
Behrend, connected with the Cor-  
coran Gallery of Art.

Advices reaching Tokio from Vlad-  
ivostok are that munitions of war in-  
tended for the use of Russia's ar-  
mies at the front are arriving at that  
seaport in great quantities. So heavy  
are the shipments that facilities to  
forward them by rail through Siberia  
are lacking. It is an endeavor to  
overcome this that the Russian au-  
thorities have placed rush orders for  
cars and locomotives in the United  
States.

The Anchor liner Cameronia, which  
reached Liverpool late Sunday from  
New York, reports that she was at-  
tacked during the voyage by a sub-  
marine, which the captain believes he  
rammed and sank. The Cameronia  
was under a full head of steam when  
the submarine was seen dead ahead

at a point so close that it was out  
of the question to attempt to elude  
her. The captain steered to ram the  
submarine, which immediately sub-  
merged, but scarcely in time to  
avoid being struck. Nothing more  
was seen of the raider, which is be-  
lieved to have been sent to the bot-  
tom.

The Government yesterday lost its  
suit in the Supreme Court to forfeit  
the unsold portion of the Oregon and  
California Railroad land grant,  
amounting to some 2,300,000 acres  
and valued at more than \$80,000,000.  
The railroad company was enjoined,  
however, from future sales in viola-  
tion of the conditions of the grant  
until Congress has reasonable time  
to act. Justice McKenna, for the  
court, held the Government's position  
in claiming the conditions to the  
grant about sale were conditions for  
which a violation worked a forfeiture  
was untenable. The court held the  
conditions were in the nature of "en-  
forceable covenants." He said Con-  
gress would have six months for ac-  
tion in the case.

Seventeen hundred convicts in the  
penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., at a sig-  
nal yesterday afternoon made a rush,  
in an effort to drag "Chicken Joe"  
Campbell, negro convict, suspected of  
the murder of Mrs. Edmund Allen,  
wife of the State prison warden,  
from his cell and lynch him. The  
move was made as the convicts were  
being marched out of the prison din-  
ing hall. The guards used their  
clubs freely and battered several  
heads before the mob was quieted.  
Mrs. Allen, who was Miss Odette  
Mazie Bordeaux, a stage beauty and  
prima donna of one of the first New  
York "Merry Widow" companies, was  
an exponent of the honor system  
in the prison, and the convicts held  
her in high regard.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS

Delegations of the Knights of Co-  
lumbus went to Richmond from many  
Virginia cities to attend ceremonial  
sessions held at the home of Rich-  
mond Council, No. 395, beginning with  
the conferring of degrees today.

Andy Hastetter, sixty-eight years  
old, was brought to Memorial Hospi-  
tal in Richmond yesterday suffering  
from serious if not fatal injuries re-  
ceived at his home in College Town,  
when he fell into an open fire while  
having a fit.

While relatives at Linville, Rock-  
ingham County, mourning over the  
supposed death of Charles Alder,  
from an accident in Washington, were  
at the Southern Railway Station  
awaiting the arrival of his body from  
Washington a telegram signed by  
the reported dead man, said: "I am  
alive and well."

Probably what is the largest ship-  
ment of potatoes from the section of  
which Norfolk is the center in one  
day was made last Saturday when  
about 100,000 barrels were sent to  
the various markets. The prices for  
the season so far have been poor.  
Shipments have sold this season as  
low as \$1 and as high as \$5, but the  
average price has been a mark be-  
tween the two.

Squire Dawson imposed a fine of  
fifty dollars on John Patillo a negro  
preacher upon the charge of distur-  
bing public worship at Scott Zion  
Church about five miles from Lynch-  
burg in Amherst County. Patillo had  
been put out of the church, where he  
was formerly engaged as preacher  
but Sunday he appeared at the church  
and while the service was in pro-  
gress, he announced that he came  
there to break up the meeting.

The presence of two unidentified  
men in the Richmond Federal Re-  
serve Bank early yesterday, where  
\$7,636,000 was on deposit, led to the  
suspicion that an attempt was be-  
ing made to rob the bank. After a  
watchman, who saw the men ap-  
proaching the vault, fired on the two  
men, the police were called out,  
but the men escaped. The police sur-  
rounded the bank building and for a  
time believed they had the suspected  
robbers cornered on the roof, but  
when they could not be found it was  
surmised they had escaped over the  
roofs of adjoining buildings.

When a committee from the Con-  
gressional Union called on Represen-  
tative E. E. Holland, of Norfolk, he  
did not promise, as they wished, to  
give his support to the Susan B. An-  
thony amendment to the Federal Con-  
stitution granting suffrage to women,  
but he gave them some advice that  
accorded exactly with their own ideas.  
"You Virginia women," he said (have  
got to use the tactics of the prohibi-  
tionists. Make suffrage the greatest  
political issue in the State elections.  
Put pressure on your Legislature and  
on your representatives in Congress

and you will win. You can't be too  
quiet about a demand like this. You  
have got to make a noise, and such  
a big noise, and such a constant noise  
that every Virginia politician knows  
what you want and finds it necessary  
to give it to you."

#### COURT OF APPEALS.

Wytheville, Va., June 22.—Proceed-  
ings in the Supreme Court of Ap-  
peals yesterday were as follows:

Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Com-  
pany vs. Asburys administrator, ar-  
gued by J. P. Bullitt and W. J. Hen-  
son for plaintiff in error and W. H.  
Worth for defendant in error and sub-  
mitted. Same vs. Stanberry, argued  
by R. C. Jackson for plaintiff in  
error and W. H. Worth for defend-  
ant in error and continued until to-  
morrow morning.

Next cases to be called: Dixon Liv-  
ery Company vs. Bond; Osborne vs.  
Darby Coal Mining Company; Vir-  
ginia Iron Coal and Coke Company  
vs. Hughes, administrator; Huettel  
Coal and Coke Company vs. Law-  
rence administrator; Virginia Rail-  
way Company vs. Bell.

#### TRY TO FORCE DEBT ISSUE.

Major Holmes Conrad to Ask Re-  
ceiver for West Virginia.

Winchester, June 22.—Maj. Holmes  
Conrad, of this city, who was the  
first attorney to get the Virginia debt  
case before the United States Su-  
preme Court nearly thirty years ago,  
announces that he intends to file a  
formal motion before the court, ask-  
ing that a receiver be appointed to  
enforce the judgment of the court  
without undue delay.

#### WEDNESDAY

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PERILS OF THE JUNGLE  
Selig.

"The Runaway Leopard."  
Pathe.

Ham and Bud in  
THE LIBERTY PARTY.  
Comedy.

#### WEDNESDAY

Lottie Pickford, Irving Cummings and  
William Russell in,  
The Diamond From The Sky  
Chapter No. 6, "Shadows at Sunrise"  
(Don't miss this exciting chapter)

#### THURSDAY

Metro Night.  
VALLI VALLI IN  
"THE HIGH ROAD."

#### FRIDAY

Pearle White, Arnold Daly, Edwin  
Arden.

#### Exploits of Elaine

Episode, "Shadows of War,"  
and "The Death of Wu Fang."

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the office of the Chief Clerk, by  
the Chairman of the Board of awards  
until 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, June  
22, 1915, and then opened. For the  
construction of an experimental road  
on the Russell Road in Alexandria  
County, Virginia, beginning at the  
city limits of Alexandria and contin-  
uing in a northerly direction to the  
intersection of the Russell Road with  
Mount Vernon Avenue, a distance of  
approximately one and three-quar-  
ters miles. Plans may be seen and  
specifications and forms for pro-  
posal secured on and after June 17  
at the office of Public Roads, 515  
Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington,  
D. C. A certified check for One Thou-  
sand Dollars must accompany the  
proposal. The successful bidder will  
be required to furnish a bond and  
enter into contract in accordance with  
the regulations of the Department of  
Agriculture. The Board of Awards  
reserves the right to reject any or  
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andria.

7:47 A. M., Daily—Local between  
Washington & Danville delivers con-  
nection daily except Sunday at Or-  
ange to C & O. No. 403 for Gordons-  
ville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M., Daily—Local for Har-  
risonburg and way stations. Buffet  
parlor car.

8:37 A. M., Daily—U. S. Fast Mail  
stops only for passengers to point  
south to which scheduled to stop.  
First class coaches Sleeping cars to  
Birmingham and New Orleans. Dining  
car service. Stops at Calverton  
to let off Warrenton branch pas-  
sengers.

10:32 A. M., Daily—Mail train,  
coaches for Manassas, Warrenton,  
Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville,  
Greensboro and Charlotte.

3:52 P. M., Daily—local for Char-  
lottesville connecting at Calverton  
for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M., Daily—Birmingham  
Special Sleeping cars between New  
York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham,  
Augusta, Savannah and Jackson-  
ville. Through first class coaches be-  
tween Washington, Atlanta and Bir-  
mingham. Dining car service Tourist  
to California daily.

4:12 P. M., Limited for Harrison-  
burg and way Stations on Manassas  
branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

6:12 P. M., Local for Warrenton.

10:02 P. M., Daily Washington and  
Chattanooga Limited (via Lynch-  
burg) First class coaches and sleep-  
ing cars to Roanoke, Knoxville,  
Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Or-  
leans, Washington to Roanoke, Din-  
ing car service.

11:02 P. M., Daily—New York and  
New Orleans Limited. All Pullman  
train. Club and Observation cars to  
New Orleans. Dining Car Service.  
4:27 A. M., Daily— Memphis special  
Sleeping car and coaches for  
Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chat-  
tanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car  
service. Washington sleeping cars  
open 10 p. m.

For detailed schedule figures,  
tickets Pullman reservations, etc ap-